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I urge the Food and Drug Administration to continue to require a **prominent display** of the irradiation logo and a statement such as treated by irradiation on the packages of **all** irradiated foods. I am strongly opposed to eliminating the irradiation labels or making them less conspicuous.

The issue of irradiation of food has not been settled. There is still a great deal of scientific debate about the safety of irradiated foods and the wisdom of irradiating foods to reduce pathogen contamination, instead of using other effective methods of reducing such contamination. These alternative methods **do not** create mutagens in the food, **do not** reduce the nutritional value of the food, and **do not** lead to radiation resistant organisms.

Food shoppers should continue to have the ability to choose between conventional and irradiated foods. Prominent clearly worded labels are essential for this. Hiding the words "irradiated" in the ingredient label is not good enough. If shoppers don't want irradiated foods, they should not be tricked into purchasing them.

Sincerely,

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